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SUBJECT: A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN CHAD

REF: NDJAMENA 2669 (NOTAL)

1. DONORS ARE CONSIDERING THEIR RESPONSES TO THE GOVERN-
MENT OF CHAD'S (GOC) REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

WITHIN THE MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL AND LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS THE USG IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION. WHILE THIS MATERIAL RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY IN THE SHORT-TERM, NEGOTIATIONS OFFER THE BEST CHANCE OF RESOLVING THE TWO ISSUES BESETTING THE GOC; THE INSURGENCY IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE BORDER DISPUTE WITH LIBYA.

2. THE CURRENT OAU MEDIATION EFFORT IS THE MOST PROMISING MEANS OF ATTAINING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE OAU AD HOC GROUP WORKING ON A SOLUTION. DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS YOU SHOULD APPROACH YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT TO COMMUNICATE USG SUPPORT FOR THE OAU EFFORT.

3. FOR NDJAMENA

-- NEGOTIATIONS OFFER THE BEST MEANS OF RESOLVING THE

DISPUTES. THEY SHOULD BE PURSUED WITH DELIBERATE SPEED AS THE GOC CURRENTLY ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

-- WE CONSIDER THE OAU THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND QUALIFIED FORUM TO ADDRESS THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

-- THE USG SEES CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN KEEPING SEPARATE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NEGOTIATIONS ON RECONCILIATION AND BORDERS, AND WOULD HOPE THAT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COULD BE THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

-- THE RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL AFRICAN STATES WITHIN THEIR BORDERS AT THE TIME OF INDEPENDENCE IS CONSIDERED BY THE USG TO BE A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF THE OAU, WHICH MUST BE PRESERVED.

-- THE US IS COMMITTED TO HELPING STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY OF CHAD THROUGH THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IS ESSENTIAL, AS IT WILL FREE SCARCE RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGE NEW CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL DONORS, AND ALLOW THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY, ONCE IT IS SECURE, TO BEGIN BENEFITTING FROM THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.

-- THE USG WILL SUPPORT AN OAU SANCTIONED SOLUTION.

4. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSES

IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN PARA 3, YOU SHOULD DRAW AS

APPROPRIATE ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE USG HAS BEEN ONE OF MANY COUNTRIES APPROACHED BY THE GOC TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE SO THAT IT CAN DEFEND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. WE ARE INVESTIGATING, AND INTEND WITHIN THE MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL AND THE LIMITS OF OUR LEGISLATION TO RESPOND TO THAT REQUEST.

-- OUR PRINCIPAL INTEREST IN CHAD IS DEVELOPMENTAL AND HUMANITARIAN. THE INJECTION OF "GREAT POWER RIVALRY" CONSIDERATIONS IS THE LAST THING WE WANT TO SEE.

-- THE OAU CAN CONVERT CHALLENGE INTO OPPORTUNITY. THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN CONDITION IS WHAT WE SEEK. THE
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USG WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INPUTS IN SUPPORT OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS BESETTING CHAD.

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